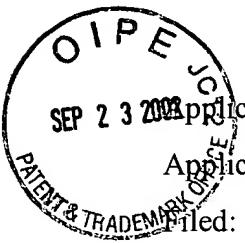


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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 19, 2002 in the above-identified Application.

A five-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for the five-month extension of time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Requirement to Restrict Prosecution Under 35 U.S.C. § 121

A requirement to restrict prosecution to one invention has been set forth under 35 U.S.C. § 121. It was stated that there are two inventions presently claimed.

- I. Claims 17-33, drawn to a method.
- II. Claims 1-16, drawn to an apparatus.

It was stated that the products of Groups I and II are distinct because the apparatus can be used to practice another and materially different process than that of Invention I.



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In reply to this Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 17-33 for further prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected invention. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected invention.

CONCLUSION

With this response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant believes the substantive material in the Office Action of March 19, 2002 has been appropriately addressed.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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